

Mordell-Weil Groups and Selmer Groups of Two Types of Elliptic Curves ^{*†}

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Consider elliptic curves $E = E_\sigma : y^2 = x(x + \sigma p)(x + \sigma q)$, where $\sigma = \pm 1$, p and q are prime numbers with $p+2 = q$. (1) The Selmer groups $S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q})$, $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q})$, and $S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E/\mathbf{Q})$ are explicitly determined, e.g., $S^{(2)}(E_{+1}/\mathbf{Q}) = (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2$; $(\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^3$; or $(\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^4$ when $p \equiv 5$; 1 or 3; or 7 (mod 8) respectively. (2) When $p \equiv 5$ (3, 5 for $\sigma = -1$) (mod 8), it is proved that the Mordell-Weil group $E(\mathbf{Q}) \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ having rank 0, and Shafarevich-Tate group $\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = 0$. (3) In any case, the sum of $\text{rank} E(\mathbf{Q})$ and dimension of $\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2]$ is given, e.g., 0; 1; 2 when $p \equiv 5$; 1 or 3; 7 (mod 8) for $\sigma = 1$. (4) The Kodaira symbol, the torsion subgroup $E(K)_{tors}$ for any number field K , etc. are also obtained.

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I. Introduction and Main Results

Let p, q be two (twin) prime numbers and $q - p = 2$. Here we consider the elliptic curves

$$E = E_\sigma : y^2 = x(x + \sigma p)(x + \sigma q) \quad (\sigma = \pm 1) \quad (1.1)$$

We also denote $E = E_+$ or E_- when $\sigma = +1$ or -1 . One of the interests to consider elliptic curves (1.1) is on twin primes. Whether there are infinitely many twin primes p, q now is equivalent to whether there are infinitely many isomorphic classes of such elliptic curves E , since these elliptic curves are not isomorphic to each other for different (p, q) as we will see later.

Similarly to (1.1), some other special types of elliptic curves were studied by A. Bremner, J. Cassels, R. Strocker, J. Top, B. Buhler, B. Gross and D. Zagier (see [1-6]), e.g., $y^2 = x(x^2 + p)$, $y^2 = (x + p)(x^2 + p^2)$, and $y^2 = 4x^3 - 28x + 25$. The first two elliptic curves have ranks 0, 1, or 2. And the last elliptic curve has rank 3 and is famous in solving the Gauss conjecture.

For elliptic curves E in (1.1), it is easy to see the discriminant of it is $\Delta = \Delta(E) = 64p^2q^2$. the j -invariant is $j = j(E) = 64(p^2 + 2q)^3/p^2q^2$ (Thus elliptic curves E are not isomorphic to each other for different (p, q)). We will also show equation (1.1) is global minimal.

For any number field K and any elliptic curve E over K , The Mordell-Weil theorem said that the set $E(K)$ of K -rational points of E is a finitely generated abelian group (the Mordell-Weil group), so $E(K) \cong E(K)_{tors} \oplus \mathbf{Z}^r$, where $E(K)_{tors}$ is the torsion subgroup of $E(K)$, $r = \text{rank} E(K)$ is the rank of $E(K)$. We first consider $E(K)_{tors}$ for any number field K .

Theorem 1. Let K be any number field. We have the following results on the torsion subgroup $E(K)_{tors}$ for elliptic curve E in (1.1) with $(p, q) \neq (3, 5)$, here \wp is a prime ideal of K over 3, $e = e(\wp|3)$ and $f = f(\wp|3)$ are the ramification index and residue degree of \wp respectively.

(1) If $e(\wp|3) = f(\wp|3) = 1$, then

$$E(K)_{tors} \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}.$$

(2) If $f(\wp|3) = 1$ and E has an additive reduction (at any finite valuation of K), then

$$E(K)_{tors} \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/6\mathbf{Z}.$$

(3) If $f(\wp|3) = 1$, then

$$E(K)_{tors}/E(K)_3 \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z},$$

where $E(K)_3$ denotes the 3-Sylow subgroup of $E(K)$, i.e. points of order a power of 3.

(4) If E has an additive reduction (at any valuation), then $\#E(K)_{tors} = 2^m$ or $2^m \cdot 3$.

We now introduce the Kodaria-Neron classification of the special fibers \mathcal{C}_ℓ on the Neron models of elliptic curves E/\mathbf{Q} . Let ℓ be a prime number, \mathbf{Q}_ℓ the ℓ -adic rationals (the completion of \mathbf{Q} at the ℓ -adic valuation v_ℓ), $\mathbf{F}_\ell = \mathbf{Z}/\ell\mathbf{Z}$ the finite field with ℓ elements. Let $\rho : E(\mathbf{Q}_\ell) \rightarrow \tilde{E}(\mathbf{F}_\ell)$, $P \mapsto \tilde{P}$ be the reduction of E modulo ℓ , $\tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbf{F}_\ell)$ the non-singular \mathbf{F}_ℓ -points of $\tilde{E}(\mathbf{F}_\ell)$, $E_0(\mathbf{Q}_\ell) = \rho^{-1}(\tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbf{F}_\ell))$. The Kodaira symbols $I_0, I_1, I_n, II, III, IV, \dots$ are used to describe the type of the special fiber \mathcal{C}_ℓ of the minimal Neron model of E at ℓ ; m_ℓ denotes the number of irreducible components (ignoring multiplicities) on the special fiber \mathcal{C}_ℓ . The conductor of E/\mathbf{Q} is defined by $N_E = \prod \ell^{f_\ell}$, where the product takes for ℓ running over prime numbers, the local exponent f_ℓ is defined by $f_\ell = 0, 1$, or $2 + \delta_\ell$ according to E having good, multiplicative, or additive reduction at ℓ , δ_ℓ is concerned the action of inertia group ($\delta_\ell = 0$ if $\ell \neq 2, 3$). The index $c_\ell = |E(\mathbf{Q}_\ell)/E_0(\mathbf{Q}_\ell)|$ is said to be Tamagawa constant at ℓ . Using results of Tate, Ogg, Kodaria-Neron, and Diamond (see [5-8]), we could obtain the following Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 (See [5-7] for notations).

Theorem 2. Let E be an elliptic curve as in (1.1). Then we have the following Table.

Prime number ℓ	$\ell = 2$	$\ell = p$	$\ell = q$	$\ell \neq 2, p, q$
Kodaira Symbol	III	I_2	I_2	I_0
Number of Irreducible Component m_ℓ	2	2	2	1
Tamagawa Constant c_ℓ	2	2	2	1

Corollary 1. The elliptic curves in (1.1) are **modular** with conductor $N_E = 2^5 pq$, and their L -function $L(E/\mathbf{Q}, s)$ could be continually extended to the whole complex plane as an holomorphic function satisfying the following functional equation:

$$\xi(E, 2-s) = \pm \xi(E, s),$$

$$\xi(E, s) = (2^5 pq)^{s/2} (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) L(E/\mathbf{Q}, s).$$

Our main results are to determine Selmer groups, Shafarevich-Tate group and Mordell-Weil group (For definitions and notations, see [5]). For any abelian group G , we let $G[n]$ be the n -torsion part of G . Take the following elliptic curve E' and isogeny φ of degree 2.

$$E' : y^2 = x^3 - \sigma 2(p+q)x^2 + 4x. \quad (1.2)$$

$$\varphi : E \rightarrow E', \quad (x, y) \mapsto (y^2/x^2, y(pq - x^2)/x^2).$$

Then $E[\varphi] = \{O, (0, 0)\}$ be the kernel of φ . The dual isogeny of φ is

$$\widehat{\varphi} : E' \rightarrow E, \quad (x, y) \mapsto (y^2/4x^2, y(4 - x^2)/8x^2).$$

Theorem 3. Let $E = E_+$ be the elliptic curve in (1.1). Then on the Selmer groups $S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q})$, $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q})$, and $S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E/\mathbf{Q})$; Shafarevich-Tate group $\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2]$, Mordell-Weil group $E(\mathbf{Q})$, and $\text{rank} E(\mathbf{Q})$ of E , we have the following results .

- $$(1) \quad S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \begin{cases} \{0\}, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 3, 5 \pmod{8}, \\ \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}, & \text{if } p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$
- $$S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2, & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \\ (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^3, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 3, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$
- $$(2) \quad S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2, & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \\ (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^3, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}, \\ (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^4, & \text{if } p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$
- $$(3) \quad \text{rank} E(\mathbf{Q}) + \dim_{\mathbf{F}_2} \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \\ 1, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}, \\ 2, & \text{if } p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$
- $$(4) \quad \text{If } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r = \text{rank} E(\mathbf{Q}) &= 0, \\ \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] &= \{0\}, \\ E(\mathbf{Q}) &\cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4. Let $E = E_-$ be the elliptic curve in (1.1). Then on the Selmer groups, Shafarevich-Tate group, and Mordell-Weil group of E , we have the following results

- $$(1) \quad S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \begin{cases} \{0\}, & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}, \\ \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \quad S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2, & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}, \\ (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^3, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \quad \text{rank}E(\mathbf{Q}) + \dim_{\mathbf{F}_2} \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}, \\ 1, & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

(4) If $p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$, then

$$r = \text{rank}E(\mathbf{Q}) = 0,$$

$$\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = \{0\},$$

$$E(\mathbf{Q}) \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}.$$

Theorem 5. If $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ and $q = a^2 + b^2$, $(a + \varepsilon)^2 + (b + \delta)^2 = c^2$ for some rational integer a, b, c and $\varepsilon, \delta = \pm 1$, then the elliptic curve $E = E_+$ in (1.1) has rank

$$r = \text{rank}E(Q) = 1.$$

Example 1. Let $(p, q) = (3, 5)$, consider the elliptic curve $E : y^2 = x(x + 3)(x + 5)$. By Theorem 5 we have $r = \text{rank}E(\mathbf{Q}) = 1$. Thus $E(\mathbf{Q}) \cong \{O, (0, 0), (-3, 0), (-5, 0)\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$. We could also find a point in $E(\mathbf{Q})$ with infinite order: $P = (-4, 2)$.

Example 2. Let $(p, q) = (11, 13)$, consider the elliptic curve $E : y^2 = x(x + 11)(x + 13)$. By Theorem 5 we have $r = \text{rank}E(\mathbf{Q}) = 1$. Thus $E(\mathbf{Q}) \cong \{O, (0, 0), (-11, 0), (-13, 0)\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}$. By handcount, we find a point of infinite order in $E(\mathbf{Q})$:

$$P = (243391201/1587600, 4094288981999/2000376000).$$

II. Proofs of Theorem 1 and 2

First calculate quantities associated with the elliptic curve E in (1.1) (for notations see [5]):
 $a_1 = a_3 = a_6 = 0$, $a_2 = \sigma(p + q)$, $a_4 = pq$, $b_2 = \sigma 4(p + q)$, $b_4 = 2pq$, $b_6 = 0$, $b_8 = -p^2q^2$,
 $c_4 = 16(p^2 + 2q)$, $c_6 = \sigma 32(p + q)(pq - 8)$, $\Delta = \Delta(E) = 64p^2q^2$, $j = j(E) = 64(p^2 + 2q)^3/p^2q^2$.

Lemma 2.1 (1) The equation (1.1) for $E = E_\sigma$ is a global minimal Weierstrass-equation.

(2) The reduction of E is additive at 2, multiplicative at p and q , and good at other primes.

(3) E_+ has a split multiplicative reduction at p if and only if it does at q , which is just equivalent to $(2/p) = 1$, i.e., $p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$.

(4) E_- has a split multiplicative reduction at p if and only if $(-2/p) = 1$, i.e., $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$; E_- has such reduction at q if and only if $(2/q) = 1$, i.e., $q \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$.

Proof. Let v_ℓ denote the normalized ℓ -adic exponential valuation of \mathbf{Q} (ℓ is a prime number).

(1) Since $v_\ell(\Delta(E)) = v_\ell(64p^2q^2) < 12$ for every ℓ , so equation (1.1) is minimal at every prime ℓ , i.e., it is globally minimal. (2) Note that $(\Delta) = 2^4(pq)^2$ and $(c_4) = 2^4(p^2 + 2q)^3$, so $(\Delta) = 2^4(pq)^2$ and $(c_4) = 2^4(p^2 + 2q)^3$.

which has unique singular point at $(0, 0)$ with “tangent” lines $y^2 = 2x^2$, or $y = \pm\sqrt{2}x$. Thus the reduction is split if and only if 2 is a square residue modulo p , i.e., $(2/p) = 1$. The same thing happens for q . (4) The proof is similar to that of (3).

Lemma 2.2. The elliptic curve E in (1.1) is supersingular at prime ℓ ($\neq 2, p, q$) if and only if

$$\sum_{k=0}^m (C_m^k)^2 p^k q^{m-k} \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell}. \quad (\text{here } m = (\ell - 1)/2)$$

Proof. Let $y^2 = f(x) = x(x + \sigma p)(x + \sigma q)$. The coefficient of $x^{\ell-1}$ in $f(x)^m$ is

$$\sum_{i+j=m} C_m^{m-i} C_m^{m-j} (\sigma p)^i (\sigma q)^j = \sigma^m \sum_{k=0}^m (C_m^k)^2 p^k q^{m-k}.$$

Now the lemma follows from Theorem 4.1 of [5, p140].

Lemma 2.3^[9]. Let E be any elliptic curve over a number field K , \wp a prime ideal of K over a prime number ℓ , k_\wp the residue class field of K modulo \wp , $e = e(\wp|\ell)$ and $f = f(\wp|\ell)$ the ramification index and residue class degree respectively of \wp over ℓ , \tilde{E} the reduced curve over k_\wp of E modulo \wp . Put $t_\ell = 0$ (if $\ell - 1 > e$) or $\max \{r : (\ell - 1)\ell^{r-1} \leq e, 0 < r \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ (otherwise).

(1) If E has good reduction at \wp , then

$$\#E(K)_{tors} \mid \# \tilde{E}(k_\wp) \ell^{2t_\ell} \leq (1 + \ell^f + 2\ell^{f/2}) \ell^{2t_\ell}.$$

(2) If E has additive reduction at \wp , then

$$\#E(K)_{tors} \mid 12 \ell^{2(t_\ell+1)}.$$

Proof of Theorem 1. By Lemma 2.1 we know E has a good reduction \tilde{E} at 3. Now $m = (3 - 1)/2 = 1$, so $\sum_{k=0}^m (C_m^k)^2 p^k q^{m-k} = p + q \equiv (-1) + (1) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ since p, q are twin prime numbers, which means, by Lemma 2.2, the reduced elliptic curve \tilde{E} over \mathbf{F}_3 is supersingular. In particular, we know $\# \tilde{E}(\mathbf{F}_3) = 3 + 1 = 4$ (See [5], p145, Exer. 5.10(b)).

Now, as an elliptic curve over K , E obviously has a good reduction at \wp since $\wp|3$. If $f = f(\wp|3) = 1$, then $k_\wp = \mathcal{O}_K/\wp = \mathbf{Z}/(3) = \mathbf{F}_3$, so the reduced curves of E modulo \wp and modulo 3 is the same curve \tilde{E} , which is supersingular. Thus $\# \tilde{E}(k_\wp) = \# \tilde{E}(\mathbf{F}_3) = 4$. By Lemma 2.3 we know $\#E(K)_{tors} \mid \# \tilde{E}(k_\wp) 3^{2t_3} = 4 \cdot 9^{t_3}$, where t_3 is as in Lemma 2.3. Also since $E(K)[2] = E[2] \subset E(K)_{tors}$, so $E(K)_{tors}/E(K)_3 \cong E(K)[2] \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$. (In fact we have $\text{ord}_3(\#E(K)_3) \leq 2(1 + \log_3(e/2))$ by Lemma 2.3.) This proves (3).

Now if $f = e = 1$, then $3 - 1 > e$, by Lemma 2.3 we know $t_3 = 0$, which proves (1).

If E has an additive reduction at a prime \wp of K , then by Prop.5.4(b) of [5, p181], we know E has additive reduction at prime number ℓ under \wp , and by Lemma 2.1 we know $\ell = 2$, so $\wp|2$. Thus

Combining (3) and (4) gives (2). This proves Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 2. By Lemma 2.1 and the definition of f_ℓ we know that $f_\ell = 2 + \delta_2$; 1; or 0 respectively if $\ell = 2$; $\ell = p$ or q ; or otherwise. We now use Tate's method in [7] to determine δ_2 and the type of Kodaira symbol. Make the isomorphic transformation $\rho : E \rightarrow E'$, $x \mapsto x' + \sigma$, $y \mapsto y$, ($\sigma = \pm 1$) then the elliptic curve E' has the Weierstrass equation

$$E' : y'^2 = (x' + \sigma)(x' + \sigma + \sigma p)(x' + \sigma + \sigma q).$$

It is easy to see that the constants associated to E' (defined as in [5, p46]) satisfy $\Delta' = \Delta(E') = 64p^2q^2 \equiv a'_3 \equiv a'_4 \equiv a'_6 \equiv b'_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, $a'_6 \equiv b'_6 \equiv b'_8 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$; $b'_8 \equiv 4 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{8}$. According to Tate's criterion in [6-7], we know that the type of the Kodaira symbol of E is III, and the local exponent f_ℓ of conductor N_E is $f_2 = v_2(\Delta(E)) - 1 = v_2(64p^2q^2) - 1 = 5$, so $\delta_2 = 5 - 2 = 3$. By Ogg's formula [5, p361] we obtain that the number of irreducible components on the special fiber \mathcal{C}_ℓ is $m_\ell = v_2(\Delta(E)) + 1 - f_2 = 6 + 1 - 5 = 2$.

Then consider the case of prime p . Since $\Delta(E) \equiv a_3 \equiv a_4 \equiv a_6 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, $b_2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, $v = v_p(\Delta(E)) = 2$, so by Tate's criteria in [7] we know that the Kodaira symbol of E at p is $I_v = I_2$. If E has a non-split multiplicative reduction at p , then the Tamagawa constant $c_p = 2$ since $v_p(\Delta) = 2$ is even. And if E has a split multiplicative reduction at p , then $c_p = v_p(\Delta) = 2$ by the Kodaira-Neron theorem [5, p183, Thm. 6.1]. Thus $E(\mathbf{Q}_p)/E_0(\mathbf{Q}_p) \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ as desired. The case for q goes similarly.

Diamond's Theorem^[8]. An elliptic curve E defined over rationals \mathbf{Q} is modular if it has good or multiplicative reduction at 3 and 5.

Proof of Corollary 2.1. By Lemma 2.1 we know E has good or multiplicative reduction at 3 and 5, so E is modular via Diamond's theorem. Thus Hasse-Weil conjecture is true for E .

III. Proof of Theorem 3 and 4

Denote by $M_{\mathbf{Q}}$ the set of primes (or normalized valuations) of the rational field \mathbf{Q} containing the infinity prime ∞ . Let $S = \{\infty, 2, p, q\}$, and define

$$\mathbf{Q}(S, 2) = \{d \in \mathbf{Z} : d|4 \text{ is squarefree}\} = \{\pm 1, \pm 2\} \text{ (regarded as subgroup of } \mathbf{Q}^*/\mathbf{Q}^{*2});$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(S, 2)' = \{d \in \mathbf{Z} : d|pq \text{ is squarefree}\} = \{\pm 1, \pm p, \pm q, \pm pq\} \text{ (as subgroup of } \mathbf{Q}^*/\mathbf{Q}^{*2}).$$

For $d_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(S, 2)$, $d_2 = 4/d_1$, define the curve

$$C_{(d_1)} : y^2 = d_1x^4 - \sigma 2(p+q)x^2 + d_2.$$

For $d_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(S, 2)'$, $d_2 = pq/d_1$, define the curve

Then according to Cremona's algorithm in [11, p63-65], we have

Lemma 3.1. $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \{d_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(S, 2) : C_{(d_1)}(\mathbf{Q}_v) \neq \emptyset, \forall v \in S\} \subset \{\pm 1, \pm 2\};$

$S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \{d_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(S, 2)' : C'_{(d_1)}(\mathbf{Q}_v) \neq \emptyset, \forall v \in S\} \subset \{\pm 1, \pm p, \pm q, \pm pq\}.$

Lemma 3.2 (Hensel's lemma). Suppose that $f \in R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a polynomial over a complete ring R with valuation v . If there exists $a \in R^n$ such that $v(f) > 2v(f_k(a))$ (for any k with $1 \leq k \leq n$), then f has a root in R^n . (See [5, p322, Ex.10.12], Here $f_k = f_{x_k} = \partial f / \partial x_k$.)

Lemma 3.3^[12]. A unit $\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_2$ is a square in \mathbf{Q}_2 if and only if $v_2(\alpha - 1) \geq 3$.

Lemma 3.4. Let \mathbf{Z}_ℓ be the ring of ℓ -adic integers, ℓ a prime number. Consider $y^2 = f(x)$ with $f \in \mathbf{Z}_\ell[x]$, $\deg f = 4$, discriminant $\text{disc}(f) \neq 0$. Denote by \bar{f} the image of f under the map $\mathbf{Z}_\ell[x] \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_\ell[x]$ deduced from the natural map $\mathbf{Z}_\ell \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_\ell$. If \bar{f} is not a constant modulo a square (i.e., $\bar{f} = \bar{g}^2 \bar{h}$ with $\deg \bar{h} \geq 1$, $\deg \bar{g} \geq 0$, \bar{h} is squarefree, $\bar{g}, \bar{h} \in \mathbf{F}_\ell[x]$), then $y^2 = f(x)$ has a solution in \mathbf{Q}_ℓ . (See [10, p140, Lemma 14].)

Proposition 3.5. Let $C = C_{(2)} : y^2 = f(x) = 2x^4 - \sigma 2(p+q)x^2 + 2$ be one of the $C_{(d_1)}$.

(1) If $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then $C_{(2)}(\mathbf{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$.

(2) $C_{(2)}(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $(2/p) = 1$, i.e., $p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$.

(3) $C_{(2)}(\mathbf{Q}_q) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $(2/q) = 1$, i.e., $q \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$ (that is $p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}$)

Proof. We prove for $\sigma = 1$. (1) Let $g(x, y) = f(x) - y^2$, then $g(1, -2) = -4(p+1)$, $g_y(1, -2) = 4$. If $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then $v_2(g(1, -2)) > 2v_2(g_y(1, -2))$. Hensel's lemma tells us $C(\mathbf{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$.

(2) If $C(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$, we assert that $C(\mathbf{Z}_p) \neq \emptyset$. In fact, if $(x, y) \in C(\mathbf{Q}_p)$, then by the equation obviously $(1/x, y/x^2)$ is also in $C(\mathbf{Q}_p)$. So we have either $v_p(x) \geq 0$ (and then $v_p(y) \geq 0$), or else $v_p(x) < 0$ (and then $v_p(1/x) > 0$ and $v_p(y/x^2) \geq 0$), our assertion follows. Now assume $(x, y) \in C(\mathbf{Z}_p)$, so $y^2 = f(x) = 2(x^2 - 1)^2 - 4px^2$. Thus $y^2 \equiv 2(x^2 - 1)^2 \pmod{p}$, which means $(2/p) = 1$ (Note that $y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, otherwise we'd have $x^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, $x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, so $v_p(y^2) = v_p(4px^2) = 1$, a contradiction). Conversely, if $(2/p) = 1$, then $2 \equiv a^2 \pmod{p}$, $a \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then obviously $v_p(g(p, a)) > 0$, $v_p(g_y(p, a)) = v_p(-2a) = 0$. So $C(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$ by Hensel's lemma.

(3) The proof is similar to that of (2).

Proposition 3.6. For the curve $C' = C'_{(-1)} : y^2 = f(x) = -x^4 + (p+q)x^2 - pq$, we have

(1) $C'(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$; $C'(\mathbf{Q}_q) \neq \emptyset$;

(2) $C'(\mathbf{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $p \equiv 1, 3, 7 \pmod{8}$.

Proof. (1) Note $f = -(x^2 - p)(x^2 - q)$, so $f \equiv x^2(-x^2 + 2) \pmod{p}$. Since $-x^2 + 2$ is not a square in $\mathbf{F}_p[x]$, Lemma 3.4 tells us $C'(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$. The case for q is Similar.

(2) Consider the sufficiency first. (i) If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then $p = \alpha^2$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_2$ (by Lemma 3.3), then $f \equiv -x^4 + \alpha^2 x^2 - \alpha^2 q \pmod{p}$. (ii) If $p \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{8}$, then $p = \alpha^2 + 2$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}_2$, then $f \equiv -x^4 + (\alpha^2 + 2)x^2 - (\alpha^2 + 2)q \pmod{p}$.

$3 > 2v_2(g_y(0, p))$. Thus $C'(\mathbf{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$ by Hensel's lemma.

For necessity, assume $(a, b) \in C'(\mathbf{Q}_2)$, then obviously $b^2 = 1 - (a^2 - p - 1)^2$. If b is not a 2-adic integer, then a too; assume $a = 2^{-n}a_0$, $b = 2^{-2n}b_0$, $v_2(a_0) = v_2(b_0) = 0$ (since $v_2(b^2) = 2v_2(a^2 - p - 1) = 2v_2(a^2)$); so $2^{-4n}b_0^2 = 1 - (2^{-2n}a_0^2 - p - 1)^2$, $b_0^2 + a_0^4 = 2^{2n}(2^{2n} + 2(p+1)a_0^2 - 2^{2n}(p+1)^2) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, contradict to $b_0^2 + a_0^4 \equiv 1 + 1 \pmod{8}$ by Lemma 3.3. Thus $b \in \mathbf{Z}_2$. Then, since $b^2 = 1 - (a^2 - p - 1)^2 = 1 - c^2$, there are only two possibilities: $(b^2, c^2) \equiv (1, 0)$ or $(0, 1) \pmod{8}$. (i) $c^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ means $p \equiv a^2 - 1 \equiv 0 - 1 \pmod{4}$. (ii) $c^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ means $a \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$. By Lemma 3.3 we know $b^2 = 1 - c^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$. Rewrite $b^2 = 1 - c^2$ as $b^2 = 1 - p^2 - (a^2 - 1)^2 + 2p(a^2 - 1)$, then by Lemma 3.3 we know $0 \equiv b^2 \equiv 1 - p^2 + 0 + 0 \pmod{16}$, that is $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$. This proves Proposition 3.6.

Proof of Theorem 3.

(1) Consider $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q})$. Look at Lemma 3.1 and definitions before it, if $d_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(S, 2)$ and $d_1 < 0$, then $d_2 = 4/d_1 < 0$; then obviously $C_{(d_1)}$ has no solution in $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q}_\infty$; so we must have $d_1 \geq 0$, i.e., $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong \{1\}$ or $\{1, 2\}$. Also obviously $(0, \sqrt{2}) \in C_{(2)}(\mathbf{R})$, so $2 \in S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \Leftrightarrow C_{(2)}(\mathbf{Q}_v) \neq \emptyset$ (for $v = 2, p, q$) $\Leftrightarrow p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ (The last step is via Proposition 3.5). Thus $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong (0)$ (if $p \equiv 1, 3, 5 \pmod{8}$) or $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ (if $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$).

As for $S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$, obviously $C'_{(-p)}$ and $C'_{(-q)}$ both have rational point $(1, 0)$, so $-p, -q \in S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$, $\{1, -p, -q, pq\} \subset S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$. Note that $(\sqrt{p}, 0)$ is a real point of $C'_{(-1)}$, so, by Proposition 3.6, $-1 \in S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) \Leftrightarrow p \equiv 1, 3, 7 \pmod{8}$. This gives $S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$ as desired.

(3) Since $E'(\mathbf{Q})[\widehat{\varphi}] = \{O, (0, 0)\} = \varphi(E(\mathbf{Q})[2])$, so by the exact sequence (see [5, p301]) :

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E'(\mathbf{Q})[\widehat{\varphi}]}{\varphi(E(\mathbf{Q})[2])} \rightarrow \frac{E'(\mathbf{Q})}{\varphi(E(\mathbf{Q}))} \xrightarrow{\widehat{\varphi}} \frac{E(\mathbf{Q})}{2E(\mathbf{Q})} \rightarrow \frac{E(\mathbf{Q})}{\widehat{\varphi}(E'(\mathbf{Q}))} \rightarrow 0,$$

we have the isomorphism of vector spaces over the finite field \mathbf{F}_2 :

$$E(\mathbf{Q})/2E(\mathbf{Q}) \cong \frac{E'(\mathbf{Q})}{\varphi(E(\mathbf{Q}))} \oplus \frac{E(\mathbf{Q})}{\widehat{\varphi}(E'(\mathbf{Q}))}.$$

On the other hand, denote $r = \text{rank } E(\mathbf{Q})$, we have

$$\frac{E(\mathbf{Q})}{2E(\mathbf{Q})} \cong (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^r \oplus E(\mathbf{Q})[2] \cong (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^{r+2},$$

So we have the following dimension formula (here $\dim = \dim_{\mathbf{F}_2}$) :

$$r = \dim \frac{E'(\mathbf{Q})}{\varphi(E(\mathbf{Q}))} + \dim \frac{E(\mathbf{Q})}{\widehat{\varphi}(E'(\mathbf{Q}))} - 2.$$

From the following exact sequences (and their duals) (see [5, p298, 314]):

$$0 \rightarrow E'(\mathbf{Q})/\varphi(E(\mathbf{Q})) \rightarrow S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[\varphi] \rightarrow 0;$$

we have

$$S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong E'(\mathbf{Q})/\varphi(E(\mathbf{Q})) \oplus \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[\varphi];$$

$$S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) \cong E(\mathbf{Q})/\widehat{\varphi}(E'(\mathbf{Q})) \oplus \text{III}(E'/\mathbf{Q})[\widehat{\varphi}];$$

$$\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] \cong \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[\varphi] \oplus \text{III}(E'/\mathbf{Q})[\widehat{\varphi}].$$

Take together we have

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \dim S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) - \dim \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[\varphi] + \dim S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) - \dim \text{III}(E'/\mathbf{Q})[\widehat{\varphi}] - 2 \\ &= \dim S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) + \dim S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) - \dim \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Then by the result in (1) we obtain $r + \dim \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = 0, 1, 2$ in cases as in Theorem 3(3).

(2) From the exact sequence ([5, p305]) :

$$0 \rightarrow E(\mathbf{Q})/2E(\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] \rightarrow 0,$$

we have $S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong E(\mathbf{Q})/2E(\mathbf{Q}) \oplus \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2]$, thus obtain the dimension formula $\dim S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) = 2; 3; 4$ if $p \equiv 5; 1 \text{ or } 3; 7 \pmod{8}$ respectively, from which we obtain easily the isomorphic type of $S^{(2)}(E/\mathbf{Q})$ as Theorem 3(2) asserted.

(4) By (3) we now have $r = \dim \text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = 0$, so $\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = \{0\}$, and $E(\mathbf{Q}) = E(\mathbf{Q})_{tors} \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ by theorem 1. This proves Theorem 3.

Now consider the proof of Theorem 4, then we have $\sigma = -1$, $E = E_\sigma = E_-$. We use the same formulae as above (but $\sigma = -1$) to define set S , $\mathbf{Q}(S, 2)$, $\mathbf{Q}(S, 2)'$, $C_{(d_1)}$, and $C'_{(d_1)}$. Then it is easy to show that Lemma 3.1 and Proposition 3.5 are still valid (for $\sigma = -1$). In addition we could prove in a similar way the following propositions.

Proposition 3.7. Consider the curve $C_{(-2)} : y^2 = -2x^4 + 2(p+q)x^2 - 2$.

- (1) If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then $C_{(-2)}(\mathbf{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$.
- (2) $C_{(-2)}(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $(-2/p) = 1$, i.e., $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$.
- (3) $C_{(-2)}(\mathbf{Q}_q) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $(-2/q) = 1$, i.e., $q \equiv 1, 3, p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$.

Proposition 3.8. Consider the curve $C_{(-1)} : y^2 = -x^4 + 2(p+q)x^2 - 4$.

- (1) $C_{(-1)}(\mathbf{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $(-1/p) = 1$, i.e., $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
- (2) $C_{(-1)}(\mathbf{Q}_q) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $(-1/q) = 1$, i.e., $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

Proof of Theorem 4. By Lemma 3.1 and Proposition 3.5 we obtain $2 \in S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \Leftrightarrow$

$\{1\}\mathbf{Q}^{*2}$; $\{1, -2\}\mathbf{Q}^{*2}$; or $\{1, 2\}\mathbf{Q}^{*2}$ if $p \equiv 3, 5; 1; \text{ or } 7 \pmod{8}$ respectively. That is, $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbf{Q}) \cong (0)$ (if $p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$) or $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ (if $p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$) as desired.

Consider $S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$. Since $C'_{(p)}$ and $C'_{(q)}$ both contain point $(1, 0)$, so $p, q \in S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$, $\{1, p, q, pq\} \subset S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$. On the other hand, if $d_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(S, 2)'$ is negative, then d_2 is negative, C'_{d_1, d_2} has no real point, so $d_1 \notin S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$. Therefore $S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q}) \cong E(\mathbf{Q})/\widehat{\varphi}(E'(\mathbf{Q})) \cong \{1, p, q, pq\}\mathbf{Q}^{*2} \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$. The other part of the proof goes similarly as for Theorem 3.

IV. Criteria and Proof of Theorem 5

Proposition 4.1. Let $C' = C'_{(-1)} : y^2 = -x^4 + (p+q)x^2 - pq$ be as in Proposition 3.6.

(i) C' has a rational integer point if and only if $p = 3$.

(ii) C' has a rational point if and only if the following equation (I) or (II) has a primary solution, i.e., a rational integer solution (X, Y, S, T) with $(X, Y) = 1$:

$$(I) \quad \begin{cases} X^2 - pY^2 = S^2 \\ X^2 - qY^2 = -T^2 \end{cases} \quad \text{or}$$

$$(II) \quad \begin{cases} X^2 - pY^2 = 2S^2 \\ X^2 - qY^2 = -2T^2 \end{cases}$$

(iii) If $q = a^2 + b^2$, $(a + \varepsilon)^2 + (b + \delta)^2 = c^2$ for some rational integer a, b, c and $\varepsilon, \delta = \pm 1$, then the equation (I) in (ii) has a primary solution, and C' has a rational point.

Proof. (i) If $p = 3, q = 5$, then $(2, 1)$ is an integer point of C' (and obviously all the integer points of C' are just the four points $(\pm 2, \pm 1)$). On the other hand, if (a, b) is a rational point of C' , then $b^2 = (a^2 - p)(q - a^2)$, so $p < a^2 < q = p + 2$, $a^2 = p + 1$, $p = 3$.

(ii) If (a, b, c, d) is a primary solution of equation (I) (or II), then obviously $(a/b, cd/b^2)$ (or $(a/b, 2cd/b^2)$) is a rational point of C' . On the other hand, if $(a/b, c/d)$ is a rational point of C' (and we may assume they are positive and $(a, b) = 1, (c, d) = 1$), then $(cb^2/d)^2 = (a^2 - pb^2)(qb^2 - a^2)$. So $u = cb^2/d \in \mathbf{Z}$, $d|b^2$, $(X, Y, Z) = (a, b, u)$ is a solution of $Z^2 = (X^2 - pY^2)(qY^2 - X^2)$. It is easy to show $(a^2 - pb^2, qb^2 - a^2) = 1$ or 2 . Put $u = u_1u_2$ or $2v_1v_2$ with $(u_1, u_2) = 1, (v_1, v_2) = 1$, then (a, b, u_1, u_2) or (a, b, v_1, v_2) is a primary solution of (I) or (II).

(iii) Since $q > 2$, we may assume $a + \varepsilon \neq 0$. Consider the equation $(a + \varepsilon)x^2 - 2(b + \delta)x - (a + \varepsilon) = 0$, its discriminate is $4c^2$ so it has two rational roots u, v , so $\varepsilon u^2 - 2\delta u - \varepsilon = (1 - u^2)a + 2ub$, $2(1 + u^2)^2 = (\varepsilon u^2 + 2\delta u - \varepsilon)^2 + (\varepsilon u^2 - 2\delta u - \varepsilon)^2$, $q(1 + u^2)^2 = ((1 - u^2)a + 2ub)^2 + (2ua + (u^2 - 1)b)^2$. Thus $(2ua + (u^2 - 1)b, 1 + u^2, \varepsilon u^2 + 2\delta u - \varepsilon, \varepsilon u^2 - 2\delta u - \varepsilon)$ is a nontrivial rational solution of equation (I), from which a primary solution of (I) could be deduced easily.

Proof of Theorem 5. Since $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, so by Proposition 3.6 we have $-1 \in S^{(\widehat{\varphi})}(E'/\mathbf{Q})$. By Proposition 4.1 (iii), C' has rational point, so $-1 \in E(\mathbf{Q})/\widehat{\varphi}(E'(\mathbf{Q}))$. From the exact sequence

we have $\text{III}(E'/\mathbf{Q})[\widehat{\varphi}] = \{0\}$. And since $\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[\varphi] = \{0\}$, so $\text{III}(E/\mathbf{Q})[2] = \{0\}$. Thus by Theorem 3 we know $r = 1$.

Now consider Examples in Section I. Among all twin primes $p, q < 100$, only $(3, 5)$ and $(11, 13)$ satisfy the condition of Theorem 5: $5 = 1^2 + 2^2$, $(1 - 1)^2 + (2 - 1)^2 = 1^2$; $13 = 2^2 + 3^2$, $(2 + 1)^2 + (3 + 1)^2 = 5^2$. So we know $\text{rank}(E) = 1$. For $(p, q) = (3, 5)$, the equation (I) in Proposition 4.1(ii) has solution $(2, 1, 1, 1)$. For $(p, q) = (11, 13)$, the equation (I) has solution $(18, 5, 7, 1)$.

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